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SUBJ: GABORONE MEETING OF BLS LEADERS

REF: MBABANE 2079

1. PRIME MINISTERS JONATHAN OF LESOTHO AND DLAMINI OF SWAZILAND MET BRIEFLY WITH PRESIDENT KHAMA ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 12. JOINT COMMUNIQUE DESCRIBED OCCASION AS FIRST SUMMIT MEETING BETWEEN COUNTRIES. ACCORDING TO COMMUNIQUE, IT WAS AGREED THAT LEADERS SHOULD MEET FROM TIME TO TIME AND THAT CONSULTATION COMMISSION WOULD BE ESTABLISHED WHICH WOULD MEET REGULAR INTERVALS TO DISCUSS SUBJECTS OF MUTUAL INTEREST.

2. GOB SECRETARY FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS ADVISED EMBASSY THAT MEETING CALLED AS RESULT FELT NEED CONSULTATION AND COORDINATION AT TOP POLITICAL LEVEL AMONG BLS COUNTRIES. HE COMMENTED THAT ALTHOUGH THERE CONTINUOUS CONSULTATIONS AT TECHNICAL LEVEL BETWEEN THREE COUNTRIES ESPECIALLY ON ECONOMIC MATTERS, THERE VIRTUALLY NO DIALOGUE AMONG LEADERS ON MATTERS OF COMMON CONCERN. IT THEREFORE
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DECIDED THAT MEETINGS WILL BE SCHEDULED IN THE FUTURE FOR

DISCUSSION INTER ALIA OF ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL MATTERS
REGARDING SOUTH AFRICA, THE EEC AND THE OAU.

3. MEETING REPORTEDLY LASTED ONLY ABOUT ONE HOUR WITH NO
DISCUSSION SUBSTANTIVE MATTERS OTHER THAN SUBJECT OF
FUTURE CONSULTATIONS.
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